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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

Averill, Richard F., Eisenhandler, Jon,  
Goldfield, Norbert I.

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Group Art Unit: 2166

Examiner: Rimell, S.

For: Method of Grouping and Analyzing Clinical Risks and Systems Therefor

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**Response**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 25, 2001, in the captioned application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Please charge any fees due in connection with this Amendment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

1. (Amended) A method of creating a classification system for rating the nature and severity of health care requirements, characterized by:
- (a) obtaining a set of medical care codes;
  - (b) categorizing the medical care codes into major disease categories;
  - (c) categorizing the medical care codes into episode disease categories based on the severity and persistence of the disease, and assigning each episode disease category to a major disease category; and